



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of:

HOTTEN et al.

Art Unit: 1647

Application No.: 09/386,450

Examiner: D. Romeo

Filed: August 31, 1999

Attorney Dkt. No.: 100564-09022

For: NEW GROWTH DIFFERENTIATION FACTOR OF THE TGF- β FAMILY

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: December 31, 2001

Sir:

Applicants petition for an extension of time for two months for response to the outstanding Office Action dated July 31, 2001 from October 31, 2001 to December 31, 2001.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the necessary fee of Four Hundred (\$400.00) dollars and any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300. Please refer to our file no. 100564-09022.

Respectfully submitted,

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